

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. Art Unit: Unknown  
Serial No.: FILED HEREWITH Examiner: Unknown  
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For: PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF  
COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE  
PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN  
KNOWLEDGE (As Amended)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments**

**In the Title**

Please amend the title to read --PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OPTIMIZING THE  
PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH  
MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN  
KNOWLEDGE--.

**In the Specification**

At page 1, line 6, please insert the paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed  
on March 21, 1997 by Bigus et al., entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING  
INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING  
VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE", which application is  
incorporated by reference herein.--